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## **ABSTRACT**

The invention provides an improved method and apparatus to prepare trim cap material for bending, the apparatus comprising at least one notcher and at least one dimpler employed: (1) to notch the trim cap material to facilitate bending, but ensuring that the notch is not so large or deep so as to result in cracking when the trim cap material is bent resulting in unsightly appearance and performance deficiencies when the trim cap is installed as part of a completed sign and (2) to dimple the trim cap material so that the dimple is visible from both sides of the trim cap material.